

## Nixon plan to replace head of CIA reported

Chicago (AP)—The Chicago *Sun-Times* reports President Nixon plans to name James R. Schlesinger, the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, as head of the Central Intelligence Agency, replacing Richard M. Helms.

The Washington *Post* also carried a similar report in its Sunday editions.

The *Sun-Times* said Saturday that the appointment will be made early in the President's second term.

### Kissinger displeased

Quoting reliable sources, the report said the replacement was prompted in part by Henry A. Kissinger's displeasure with Mr. Helms' performance as CIA head.

Mr. Schlesinger, 43, took over as head of the Atomic Energy Commission in July, 1971, and the newspaper reported he has asked to be retained in that capacity.

But Dr. Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser, the newspaper reports, has persuaded the President

that Mr. Helms has failed in some instances as CIA chief. In particular, the newspaper says, Dr. Kissinger felt Mr. Helms and the agency failed to give adequate advance warning of the massive North Vietnamese offensive last spring.

The newspaper said CIA officials implied that Mr. Helms's departure would be voluntary, should it occur at all.

Mr. Schlesinger, of New York, served as assistant director of the Office of Management and the Budget. In that capacity he served under George Shultz, who was reappointed Friday as Secretary of the Treasury in the Nixon Cabinet.